REMARKS

Claim 11 remains in the application and has been amended hereby. Claim 12 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 12 has been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Claim 11 has been amended in part to remove the recitation "without communicating with the accounting center."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 11 is clear and definite in its recitation of the present invention and meets all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Peterson '020, and of the rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Peterson '020.

A feature of the present invention is to restore the accounting points in the first memory to an initial value after receiving a notification from the accounting center indicating that an accounting processing has ended normally. See Fig. 9 of the present application, for example.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite this feature of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Peterson '020 fails to

show or suggest transmitting the accounting points from the terminal device to the accounting center. Peterson '020 requires the user to contact the accounting center to purchase a smart card or to set up an account at the accounting center. See col. 7, lines 30-34 and col. 9, lines 51-53 of Peterson '020, for example.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that Peterson '020 fails to show or suggest restoring the accounting points in the first memory to an initial value after receiving a notification from the accounting center indicating that an accounting processing has ended normally.

In the first embodiment of Peterson '020, the processor 32 utilizes the modem 40 to establish a connection through the PSTN 18 with the authorization center 16 and transmits an authorization request message to the server 60 to access the secure content 28. When the processor 32 receives an authorization granted message from the authorization center, the processor 32 utilizes the secure card 42 to store the contents of the received authorization granted message as an authorization record in the list 56. See col. 7, line 65 to col. 8, line 51 of Peterson '020.

In the second embodiment, the prepaid funds 91 are decremented by a fixed amount, either 75 or 78, as specified in the control data 74. See col. 9, line 33 to col. 10, line 3 of Peterson '020.

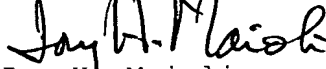Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim

11 is patentably distinct over Peterson '020.

The prior art made of record but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claim.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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